report p peared in the "Indian Express' dated 3rd August, 1988 wherein ' it has been stated that there has been burglary in Army Headquarters:

(b) if so, the number of files stolen:

(c) what are the subject to which the files relates; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted and if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A case has been registered .with the Parliament Street Police Station vide FIR No. 272 dated 26 July, 1988 under Sections 454 and 380 of Indian Penal Code reporting the loss of 75 files. The missing files relate to maintenance, repair and allied matters pertaining to tanks and tracked vehicles.

(d) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered, which is in progress.

Non-availability of 'Echo-Cardiogra-phy Dry Paper' in Army Hospital, Delhi

4453. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY :
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that "Echo Cardiography Recorder" dry silver recording paper for Rewlett packed ultra sound imaging system is out of stock in the Army Hospital, Delhi for the last coupls of months with the result cardiography facility which is must for heart patients could not be made available even to very serious patients and VIPs:

(b) what are the technical/financial difficulties Government are facing to Air-lift/import this paper from France immediately on SOS basis for the hospital: ?nd

(c) by when this 'dry silver recording paper' for cardiography would be made available in adequate quantity to the Army Hospital, Delhi to save the life of innocent Army peisonnel/petients and VVIP Army officials including Generals, Chief of Air Staff, Chief of Naval Staff and other high ranking officials ?

THE MINISTER *Ol* STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) ; (?:) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Dry Silver Recording paper permits a copy being made of the ultra sound ima ge for hospital records. The peper is an imported item, in view of foreign exchange constraints, the import of this consumale item is not being made. All vital data projected on the ultra sound screen is scrutinised by the Cardiologist and recorded on the patientjs case sheet. Hence, non procurement of dry silver recording paper has not led to any adverse effect on the treatment of heart patients.

Vacancies of Assistants

4454. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : SHRl CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINTSTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vacancies of Assistants in the years 1980 to 1982-86 year-wise, reported to the Department of Personnel and Training UPSC for direct recruitment;

(b) the number of direct recruit Assistants nominated by them in this cadre ?

(c) the number of direct recruit Assistants who actually joined the service in each year, year-wise; and

(d) whether in terms of the Department of Personnel and AR Notification No. 5/26/77-CS(I), dated the 15th December, 1979 vacancies which remained unfilled due to sufficient number of candidates not beine available in direct recruitment quota were filled by the substantive appointment of persons included in the select list of Assistants grade as provided in the rules, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b)

Year	Number of vacancies reported to the Der'artment of Personnel & Trg. LPSC	Number *of direct recruit* Assistants nominated
1980	181	181
J981	202	202
1982	268	268
1983	267	267
1984	267	267
1985	*216*	216
1986	244	Nominations yet to be made of 244 candidates

(c) and (d) The Asisstants Grade of the CSS is decentralised and controlled by respective Ministries and Departments who have already been advised to implement the decision contained in Notification No. 5/26/77-CS(I) dated 15-12-1979.. Being a decentralised grade, the information is neither" centrally maintained nor monitored.

Financial powers of Director-General, Armed Forces Medical Services

4455. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY :
SHRl .ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the financial powers of Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services are very limited as compared to that of the Director General of Central Health Services;

(b) whether Government propose to enchance the financial powers of Director General Armed Forces Medical Services on par with the Director General, Health Services ; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Director General Health Services